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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Comments on Proposed CFI Directive

1. Para. 3.a. The phrase "approved by the CFI and the President" can be interpreted as presumptuous, placing the two on an equal plane. However, if it is designed, as it may be, to deter end runs around the CFI by individual intelligence agencies, it is obviously helpful to the DCI.

2. Para. 3.b. This is very sweeping. I believe it needs some "sources and methods" limitation.

3. Para. 5.b. and para. 5.d. are redundant.

4. Para. 5.c. accurately reflects the dollar thresholds on reprogramming that must be reported. But there are several non-dollar considerations that are not included anywhere in the proposed directive:

(a) The Appropriations Committees expect to be informed of any changes—even if they are below the thresholds outlined above—

(b) Prior approval of the Committees is required for reprogramming actions which are intended to restore funds to programs or projects which Congress has specifically reduced or eliminated; and

(c) Prior approval of the Committees is also required for reprogramming actions which would apply funds to activities known to be a matter of special interest to the Congress.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, Committee on Foreign
Intelligence

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Herewith some comments by the Comptroller on
the proposed new CFI Directive, which you may find
useful.

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